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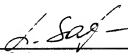
Sir:

Inquiry is made as to the status of the above-referenced patent application. To date, the last correspondence received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office is the Notice of Publication dated September 13, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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